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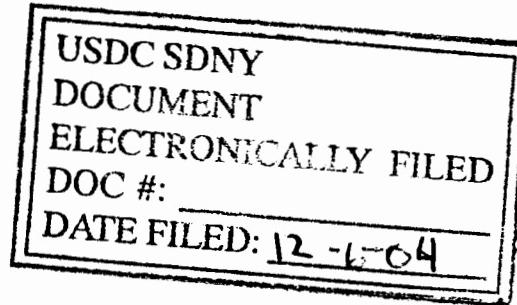
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The Honorable Richard Conway Casey
 United States District Court Judge
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Re: *In re Terrorist Attacks on September 11, 2001, 03-MDL-1570 (RCC)*
Ashton, et al. v. Al Qaeda Islamic Army, et al., 02-CV-6977 (RCC)
Barrera, et al., v. Al Qaeda Islamic Army, et al., 03-CV-7036 (RCC)

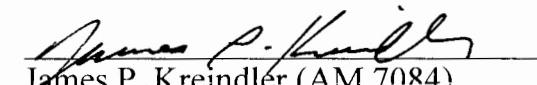
Dear Judge Casey:

We are writing to request your Honor's permission to consolidate the *Barrera* case with *Ashton*; each case contains identical facts, legal issues, and named defendants. The *Barrera* complaint was filed in the Southern District of New York on September 10, 2003 and assigned to your Honor's docket as related to *Ashton* on October 16, 2003. *Barrera* was subsequently consolidated with the MDL action (03-MDL-1570) on March 10, 2004.

In the interest of judicial economy, we respectfully request that all prior and forthcoming docket entries (e.g., motions, orders, stipulations) filed in *Ashton* also apply retroactively and concurrently with *Barrera*. We have circulated this proposal to defense counsel, who have not expressed any objection and/or prejudicial concern.

Accordingly, we respectfully request your Honor's endorsement of this proposed Order of Consolidation.

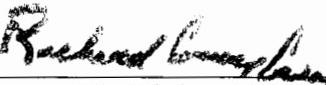
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IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dec. 6, 2004


The Honorable Richard C. Casey
United States District Court Judge